REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of June 9, 2009 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the manner of updating the updatable consumable state data is protected by requiring clearing of the memory vector when access to change the updating manner is attempted. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 117, lines 1-28 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2, 4, 5 and 7-10 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application.
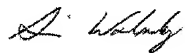
Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2, 4, 5 and 7-10 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of Carmon, Sony, Spies, Schneier and Merritt in view of Gilliland, because none of these cited references teaches or suggests protecting the manner of updating updatable consumable state data recited in the claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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